"Don't cry, my dear," to tiny Bess,
"One kitten's enough to keep;
Now run to nurse, for 'tis growing late
And time you were fast askeep."

The morrow dawned, and rosy and sweet Came little Ress from her map: The nurse said, "Go into mamma's room And took to granding's lap.

"Come here," said grandmamma, with a smile. From the rocking chair where she sat: "God has sent you two little sisters.

Now what do you think of that?"

Ress looked at the babies a moment, With their wee heads yellow and brown, And then to grandmamma solerly said, "Which one are you going to drown?"

- New York Fashion Bazar.

A New Idea in Midair Gardening. American travelers in Europe return home with many new ideas concerning architecture, which they often proceed to exemplify in the construction invention, however, which none of the you have had time chough to send these tourists as yet appears to have your boy. Give me the address," heard of, and which would prove a charming variation in the sky line of a village street, or as a bit of color among the scattered houses of a coun-

try landscape. I refer to the turf roof invented by George Mayer, of Bavaria.

The roof is laid first with boards, then with three thicknesses of tarred paper and finally covered with turf six inches thick. Such a roof is heavier than tiles, but is a full protection against damp and fire, helps to purify made still more beautiful by sowing upon the turf the seeds of flowers and wayy grasses which have small roots. Imagine a roof covered with portulacea blossoms wide open under a noonday ness sun!-Elizabeth E. Evans in Kate Field's Washington.

#### A List of Lucky Things To Do.

It is considered lucky to accept the first bid offered for an article in the morning, or to spit upon the first coin received, or for an unmarried person to his customer. The Chinese clothic to be seated inadvertently between a married couple at the dinner table, as be or she will find a partner within tomers exclusively have opened thro the year. A black small tossed by the shops on Chay street, two on Comme Lorns over the left shoulder will bring cial, one on Pacific, three on Dupor good luck, as will an egg upon which and five on Stockton, and a contract the shell is not formed if tossed over the barn.

coid, or a coin with a hole in it in the clothing. A few years ago he was make To carry a crust of bread or a bent pocket is considered lucky, or to find a ling clothes for a white tailor for le horseshoe or a four leaved clover. It than they could be made by a white will bring luck to throw into the fire man or woman. In a few months h the first tooth extracted from a child, will be selling clothes for less than or to see the moon over the right white man can sell them. -San Fran shoulder, or to place a knife near a cisco Call. sleeping child. - Philadelphia Ledger.

#### Havana's Streets.

A newspaper writer who has been doing Havana dwells at some length on which is not a Trappist monastry, but her streets. He reports that the side walks "are usually about one foot wide. You balance yourself on the foot. The proprietor is a stout, solid curbstone," he adds, "and walk along looking man, probably about forty as though walking on a pole fence. years of age, who lives alone. The About every second person you meet is house is a neat structure, quite fancia colored woman with a big laundry fully painted, and everything around basket on her head. At first it is a lit it in good order, but it has a lonely, tle awkward, but before you have been there long you get so that you can pass It is not known what this occupant's the laundry woman without knocking | gradge against womankind is, but it is the basket off her head, and, if you evidently a deep seated one, as it is restny there long enough, you could get a job in most any circus as ropewalker. On the principal streets the sidewalks he never allows a woman to come on are a little better, but 2 1 2 feet is con- the place, and in case he does it is to sidered a very wide sidewalk."

Want of Money. of money. It is wretched to have to | never set foot." it is safe to bet that confront a just and oft repeated de netwithstanding the will it will not be mand, and to be without the means to long after the present owner has vasatisfy it; to deceive the confidence cated the premises till women folks are that has been placed in you; to forfeit | ruling the roost there. - Portland Ore your credit; to be placed at the power gonian. of another; to be indebted to his lenity; to stand convicted of having | have no way left to escape contempt but by incurring pity. The suddenly meeting a creditor, on turning a corner of the street, whom you have been trying to avoid for months and had persuaded you were several hundred miles off, shatters the nerves. - New York Ledger.

### African Insects.

On insects the stern conditions of life in South Africa have a marked effect. ples were popularly explained! Imitation coloring is more common here than elsewhere. One little insect is so like the white pebbles near which it is always found, and lies so motionless among them, that once dropped it cannot be found again; another large, somere locust, with hardly any power of flight, protects itself by simply lying motionless on red stones, which it so exactly resembles in color, having even rough cleavage marks upon it, that it is often impossible to detect it when you know it is there. - Fortnightly Re-

Sleep More Precious Than Gold. The man or woman who willingly robs himself of sleep for a very long period continuously wastes what is more precious than gold. He will not go far wrong who sandwiches eight hours of it between each day, and if he loses a little now and then to try and make it up at some other time.-Herald of Health.

A Few Honest Rognes. The gentleman who was conductor on the first car that ran over the Fifth tised them extensively, offering them and Sixth street lines in the antebellum days tells how the old time conductors down," untrammeled as they were by at once, and he saved his market for sixty odd conductors on the line about made by the few extremely successful one-fourth of them admitted that they | merchants.-Brooklyn Life. had been in the habit of taking the company's money. These honest rogues were not discharged, but the threefourths who "never took a penny" were not allowed to remain on the cars another trip. - Philadelphia Record.

How Starfish Are Killed. It has been stated that the oyster's deadly enemy, the starfish, has been ! most successfully subdued in the Long reach an instrument very much like a long handled house mop. As soon as touched by it the starfish invariably grasps the strands, and can be captured and destroyed by the thousand, Joel Benton in Drake's Magazine.

#### CHINESE CLOTHIERS.

They Are Teaching an Unwelcome Les-The clothing manufacturers of this city are learning the lesson which the Chinese taught the fruit canners long

A gentle in whose rame is well known is skiely str. les, and whose hatred of the Chinese is also well known, called upon a Market street tailor one Saturday night for a suit which he had ordered early in the

keek. "It is not done yet," said the tailor. "But you said it would be finished this morning.

"Yes, I c.d. and the tailor who is sewing the suit promised to have it here, but he has not kept his word. I'll send a boy for it now. "No. I'll go for it myself. Give me

the man's address." "My dear sir, I would not trouble you for all the world. I'll send the

"I tell you I will go for it myself,

He was given the address of a Chinese tailor on Clay street. "Do you mean to say" -and the face

of the society man flush red with wrath - that my clothes are handled by filthy Chinese?

"My dear sir, Chinese make half the clothes that are made in the city." "But I see women at work in the shops. Can't you find enough of them to do your work?"

"Oh, most of the women are em ployed for show. They attract cus the air and needs no repair. It can be tomers, but they do little work. Go around to one of these places late at night, and if you don't find a China man loading a wagon with cloth ready cut for the sewers I am not in the bus

> "Then," said the gentleman, "yo are simply a commission man. I pa you so much to have my clothes mad by Chinese. I think I will save the comsuission hereafter."

There was more truth then poetry the statement which the clothier mad is flourishing apace. Chinese tailor who make garments for American cus was given recently for the erection of large factory in which a Chinaman to employ Chinese to manufactur

A Man Who Abbors Womankind. On a cross street running south from the Base Line road, a short distance be yond W. S. Ladd's farm, is a hous of which, nevertheless, it is said no woman has ever been allowed to set deserted look withal.

ported that the property has been willed to a man on the condition that eschent to the state. The neighbors look askance at the place as they go by and whisper with bated breath, "That One of the greatest miseries is a want is the house in which a woman has

Libraries for Farming Communities. I do not know who seemed the la played the knave or the fool, and to to establish township libraries in In diana, but may every blessing rest on him, for he did a wonderful work, and the man or committee who selected the books had a genius for the task which rose to an inspiration. How many rainy days, how many long winter evenings, how many noon hours did I spend in poring over the Abbott his tories, the narratives of travel, and those books in which scientific princi

and pleasure I derived from that little library-a mere handful of books-to which I trudged a long distance through rain and snow to get an occasional cov eted volume, leaves the firm conviction in my mind that the benevolence and wisdom of man cannot devise a more beneficent instrumentality than some general scheme whereby instructive and entertaining books may be made readi ly accessible to the youth of the rural portions of our country.-John W Bookwalter in Forum.

One Merchant's Bold Stroke. This story is told of one of the lead ing dry goods men of New York: He

was carrying a heavy stock of fine mil linery goods when the round topped derby hat for women became suddenly fashionable. The market was flooded with them, and they were regarded as the only thing to be worn on the head This merchant foresaw a great loss on his stock of millinery, and decided to prevent it. He first bought up all the derby hats he could and then adver

for sale at ridiculously low prices. The result was that the derby fell had a wonderful chance to "knock into disfavor among fashionable women registers or bell punches. Finally a his more expensive goods. It is by new superintendent called all the con- strokes such as this and the careful ductors before him, beginning with the | watching of the market and feeling of conductor of car No. 1. Out of the the popular pulse that fortunes are

> When iron or steel is used in constructing a ship the metal causes serious or business. derangement of the compasses on board. Let the iron or steel be united with a little manganese and its magnetic influence will be reduced to almost nothing, although the metal has gained strength rather than lost it.

Speaking with a Spanish lady about with rear drive-way, pure water, eating grapes, she exclaimed: "Why, I deep wells, dry cellars. Island beds by putting down within its never swallow grape seeds! I should as soon think of swallowing so much shot. In Spain no one swallows the seeds of

grapes." General Maury is the third distinfor it will not let go natil it has been guiched Confederate officer to have a held out of water long enough to se desk in the war records office in Washcure the impossibility of its return. - ington. The other two are General Marcus Wright and General George

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